

I am a licensed counselor and a mother, and have had countless clients (women and girls) who have been victims of sexual abuse. In fact, I'm currently reading a book recommended by a client that is written by a survivor of sexual abuse. In it she recalls being raised in a home without clear boundaries, and being exposed to adults' nudity, substance abuse, dirty jokes, sex talk and swearing. An atmosphere like this is, in and of itself, damaging to children. After all, one of our responsibilities as parents is to protect the natural innocence of our children. However it can also create an atmosphere where the sexual abuse of children seems more socially acceptable.

Please, please, please do not relax your standards on nudity and profanity in the media. Please put the well-being of our children first, and commit to doing the work that needs to be done to improve and enforce the standards that are already in place.

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